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McKENDREE HYPES CHAMBERLIN.

Dr. M. H. Chamberlin, an honorary member of the Illinois State Historical Society and until his removal to California a director of the Society, died at his home in Los Angeles, California, July 27, 1914, aged 75 years. An extended sketch of the life of Dr. Chamberlin, written by his son, Clifford D. Chamberlin, is published in this number of the Journal.

The members of the Historical Society will learn with regret of Dr. Chamberlin's death, for he was a man who made friends as the magnet attracts the needle. Everyone who knew him felt the inspiration which ruled his life. He was a learned man, educated in the classics in the good old-fashioned way, and yet, as Cotton Mather in the *Magnalia*, says of a noted minister, "His chief learning was his goodness." McKendree H. Chamberlin was born in Lebanon, Illinois, November 17, 1838, and he loved his native State and her institutions. His business took him from place to place, but Illinois—Lebanon—McKendree College, these were home to him. For the college, of which for fourteen years he was president, he gave years of labor and days and nights of prayerful anxiety. It was next to his family his principal earthly interest.

In December, 1904, Dr. Chamberlin was appointed a member of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Judge H. W. Beckwith. Governor Richard Yates, the retiring governor, made the appointment, and Governor Charles S. Deneen, who was inaugurated governor a few weeks after this appointment had been made, said that he congratulated Governor Yates on the selection, but that he was sorry he had not himself the pleasure of making the appointment. This office Dr. Chamberlin resigned on moving out of the State. Friendly relations had existed between the families of Deneen and Chamberlin

for two generations, and Governor Deneen entertained feelings of admiration and friendship for Dr. M. H. Chamberlin. He had also a deep interest in McKendree College, from which he graduated, and he was a great aid and encouragement to Dr. Chamberlin in his work for the college.

After Dr. Chamberlin removed to California he retained a lively interest in "home affairs," as he called matters relating to Illinois. His courteous and graceful letters of acknowledgment came regularly in response to any letter sent or small services done for him by the officers of the Historical Society. The Society is fortunate in being able to present to its members and to the people of Illinois an account of Dr. Chamberlin's life and services, written by his faithful and affectionate son, who had the intimate knowledge necessary to the writing of such a paper, and the clear view and impartial judgment which enabled him to present it fairly and without comment. To Mrs. Chamberlin, the widow of Dr. Chamberlin, and to the only child, the son above mentioned, the Illinois State Historical Society, mindful of its own loss, extends its deepest sympathy in the loss of this faithful and affectionate husband and father.